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Viewing cable 08MANAGUA1146, NICARAGUA: UNGA 63 THIRD COMMITTEE HUMAN RIGHTS

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08MANAGUA1146	2008-09-10 14:26	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Managua

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Classified By: Ambassador Robert J. Callahan for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)
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[1](#)1. (C) SUMMARY: On September 8, 2008 we met with Rene Morales, Director for American Affairs and Gregorio Torres from the Nicaraguan Foreign Ministry regarding the human rights agenda for the 63rd UN General Assembly (UNGA) Third Committee and delivered the points as instructed per REF A. Morales could not tell us how Nicaragua might vote on potential Third Committee human rights resolutions, but confirmed that Nicaragua's Third Committee votes are "political" and that President Daniel Ortega ultimately directs the votes of Nicaragua's delegation. Morales further stated that Dr. Magda Enriquez, the senior advisor for UNGA president-elect Miguel D'Escoto (REF B), will continue to hold her Foreign Ministry position as Director General for International Organizations and, as such, would remain the point of contact for GON votes. Torres and Morales provided information about the Nicaraguan official team selected to assist incoming UNGA president D'Escoto. The names of the GON officials who will travel to New York to see D'Escoto installed will be reported SEPTEL. END SUMMARY

GON HUMAN RIGHTS VOTING RECORD HAS GONE 180
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[1](#)2. (C) Morales, a career diplomat, was visibly uncomfortable as we reviewed the change between 2006 and 2007 in Nicaragua's UNGA voting record on human rights. (NOTE: Before Ortega's re-election, Nicaragua voted with the United States in 2006 UNGA Third Committee human rights votes to defeat no-action motions against Belarus, Burma, Iran, Uzbekistan, Sudan, and Zimbabwe, and later to approve resolutions against Belarus, Burma, DPRK and Iran. END NOTE) Under the Ortega government there has been a complete 180-degree turn. In 2007, Nicaragua's UNGA delegation voted completely opposite to the United States, supporting no-action motions for Belarus, Burma and Iran and then later voting against resolutions to condemn Iran and Belarus for their human rights violations which were subsequently approved in the plenary session of the General Assembly.

NO CHANGE LIKELY FOR UNGA 63
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[1](#)3. (C) Morales would not comment on what Nicaragua's position might be for the upcoming 63rd UNGA for any of the issues expected in the Third Committee. However, she indicated that

a similar voting pattern was likely because "Nicaragua's votes in the UNGA are political - President Ortega himself tells Nicaragua's delegation how to vote." Morales added that Dr. Magda Enriquez, who has been named as senior advisor for incoming UNGA President D'Escoto (REF B), would also retain her current Foreign Ministry position as Director General for International Organizations. As such, Morales noted that "any questions about GON positions or Nicaragua UNGA votes should be addressed directly to Enriquez."

D'ESCOTO'S NICARAGUA TEAM

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¶4. (SBU) At the close of the meeting Torres directed us to the Nicaragua Foreign Ministry's website for a list of the of Nicaraguan Team supporting UNGA President-elect Miguel D'Escoto. The eight individuals (and their titles) as they appear on the website, include:

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¶5. (SBU) Our discussion regarding the Official Nicaragua delegation to UNGA will be reported SEPTEL.
CALLAHAN